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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to strongly oppose the proposed Plasrefine Recycling Facility at 74-76 Beaconsfield Rd, Moss Vale.

As a Moss Vale resident, I am appalled and genuinely terrified by this proposal to build a plastic processing monstrosity in our community. The idea of a facility of this nature so close to homes, schools, and delicate ecosystems is not only irresponsible but reckless. This facility poses undeniable risks to the health, safety, and quality of life of every resident and threatens to degrade our beautiful Southern Highlands.

Critical Concerns and Objections

██████████ No Regard for Local Community: This facility is backed by ██████████, and it's clear that the people proposing this plant have no ties or loyalty to Moss Vale or the Southern Highlands. They do not live here, breathe our air, or rely on our water sources. This is purely a business move for them, with zero concern for the long-term harm it will cause our community. They are not invested in protecting our town or preserving its quality of life and are solely interested in using it as a dumping ground to turn a profit, regardless of the damage it leaves behind.

Health and Environmental Hazards: The lack of detailed information on emissions and waste handling is unacceptable. Microplastics, toxic residues, and chemical emissions will accumulate in our soil, air, and waterways, affecting everything from local livestock to our drinking water. This area is within the Sydney Water Catchment, putting not only Moss Vale but vast regions of New South Wales at risk of contamination. The potential for long-term health impacts, particularly for our young population, includes risks of respiratory issues, cancers, and other serious conditions.

Road Safety and Traffic Congestion: The projected truck traffic is unrealistic for our current infrastructure. Roads and level crossings here are not designed to support this volume of heavy vehicles, creating unsafe conditions for both residents and travelers. There's no transparency around the number of trucks required, nor the fate of toxic sludge transported out of the facility.

Fire and Hazard Management: This proposal is a disaster waiting to happen. With limited local resources and no permanently manned fire stations, our area is woefully underprepared for hazardous material fires. Considering the frequent fires at waste facilities, it's alarming to think of the potential here, not to mention the severe pollution a fire could release.

Inadequate Transparency and Shifting Details: Plasrefine has continually shifted the terms of access and facility design without any serious consideration for community feedback. This lack of transparency only fuels our distrust in the company's intentions and capabilities. Their absence of relevant experience in recycling, combined with previous environmental sanctions linked to their leadership, raises serious questions about their qualifications and reliability.

Community Impact and Quality of Life: This facility is a blight on the charm, peace, and natural beauty of Moss Vale. The visual pollution alone is deeply concerning, with towering 22-meter exhaust stacks dominating the landscape. Our town and community are defined by their rural character, not by the likes of a toxic dump.



Allowing this to proceed would erode land values, disrupt lifestyles, and breed anxiety, as our community is forced to coexist with a health and environmental hazard.

Ecological and Conservation Impact: The area designated for this facility is ecologically sensitive, home to endangered flora and part of a riparian zone flowing into the Wingecarribee River. Any accident or spill could cause irreversible damage to this delicate ecosystem, placing endangered species at risk and jeopardizing water quality in the broader Sydney Water Catchment.

Conclusion

This proposal is a grave threat to Moss Vale and the entire Southern Highlands. It is unfathomable to consider such an industrial abomination in an area that is a source of national pride and natural beauty. I am not alone in this sentiment none of my neighbors, friends, or fellow residents support this facility, and we all share deep concerns for the future of our town and region.

I have not made any political donations and do not consent to the publication of my personal details.
